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Opener: Based on Figure 2 of Nuclear Proliferation Reader

1. In what year were the stockpiles of nuclear weapons the greatest?

In 1986 the stockpiles of nuclear weapon were the greatest, both US and USSR had the most nuclear weapons during the year, also the total was more than 64 thousands.

1. For how many years was the U.S. the only country that had nuclear capability?

For four years the US were the only country had the nuclear capability (from 1945-1949), until 1949 the USSR had the nuclear weapons too.

1. When did Russia stockpile its first nuclear weapon?

In 1949 the USSR stockpile first nuclear weapon were invented.

1. In what year did Russia’s stockpile first surpass the United States? For how many years did it stockpile more weapons? When did the trend end?

In 1978 the USSR’s stockpile first surpass the US, for 23 years USSR’s had more nuclear powers than US, from 1978 and ends in 2001.

1. In what year did nuclear weapon stockpiles first spread to eight countries?

In 1998 the nuclear weapons stockpiles first spread into eight countries.

1. Why is there no report on North Korea?

There was no reports on North Korea, because they all kept secrecy, they do not release official information to the world, so it was an unknown.

Analysis:

Based on this information, what observations can you make about nuclear proliferation?

Base on the information, I’ve observed about the nuclear proliferation that USSR were surpassed the US for many years, because they keeping increasing and upgrading their nuclear weapons, but US having a staple numbers on the weapons, Unites States not getting over power, but not less. By 2013, Unites States still have the most nuclear weapons. Until 1998 all eight nations got the nuclear weapons, but North Korea still keeps it in secret. However, some of these stockpiles were estimate, because some of the nation were not releasing official information to the world.